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¶ An Act for a publike Thankesgiuing to Almighty God, euery yeere on the Fift day of Nouember.

INASMUCH as Almighty God hath in all ages shewed his power and mercie, in the miraculous and gracious deliuerance of his Church, and in the protection of Religious Kings and States, And that no Nation of the earth hath been blessed with greater benefits then this Kingdome now enioyeth, hauing the true and free profession of the Gospel vnder our most Soueraigne Lord King JAMES, the most great, learned and religious King that euer raigned therein, incited with a most hopefull and plentifull progenie, proceeding

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ceeding out of his Royall loines, promising continuance of this happinesse and profession to all posteritie: the which many malignant and deuillish Papists, Jesuits, and Seminarie Priests much enuying and fearing, Conspired most horribly, when the Kings most excellent Maiestie, the Queene, the Prince, and all the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and Commons should haue beene assembled in the Upper house of Parliament vpon the fift day of Nouember, in the yeere of our Lord 1605. suddenly to haue blowen by the sayd whole House with Gunpowder; An inuention so inhumane, barbarous, and cruell, as the like was neuer before heard of, and was (as some of the principall Conspirato:rs thereof confesse) purposely deuised and concluded to bee done in the said House, that where sundry, necessary and religious lawes for preservation of the Church and State were made, which they falsly and slanderously terme cruell Lawes, enacted against them and their Religion, both place and persons should bee all destroyed and blowen by at once, which would haue turned to the vtter ruine of this whole Kingdome, Had it not pleased Almighty God, by inspiring the Kings most excellent Maiestie with a diuine spirit, to interpret some darke phrases of a Letter shewed to his Maiestie, aboue and beyond all ordinary construction, thereby miraculously discovering this hidden Treason not many houres before the appointed time for the execution thereof: Therefore the Kings most Excellent Maiestie, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and all his Maiesties faithfull and louing Subjects, doe most intly acknowledge this great and infinite Blessing to haue proceeded

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proceeded meereſely from God his great Mercie, and to his moſt holy Name doe aſcribe all Honour, Glory and Praise. And to the end this vnſained thankfulneſſe may neuer bee forgotten, but bee had in a perpetuall Remembrance, that all ages to come may yeelde Praises to his diuine Maieſtie for the ſame, and haue in memorie This ioyfull day of Deliueraunce.

Be it therefore enacted by the Kings moſt Excellent Maieſtie, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the authoritie of the ſame, That all and ſingular Miniſters in euery Cathedrall and Pariſh Church, or other vſuall place for Common prayer within this Realme of England and the Dominions of the ſame, ſhall alwayes vpon the fifth day of Nouember, ſay Morning prayer, and giue vnto Almighty God thanks for this moſt happie deliueraunce; And that all and euery perſon and perſons inhabiting within this Realme of England and the Dominions of the ſame, ſhall alwayes vpon that Day diligently and faithfully reſort to the pariſh Church or Chappell accuſtomed, or to ſome vſuall Church or Chappell where the ſayd Morning prayer, Preaching, or other ſeruiſe of God ſhal be vſed, and then and there to abide orderly and ſoberly during the time of the ſaid Prayers, Preaching, or other ſeruiſe of God there to bee vſed and miniſtered.

And becauſe all and euery perſon may bee put in minde of this duety, and bee the better prepared to the ſayd holy Seruiſe, Be it enacted by authoritie afore ſaid, That euery Miniſter ſhall giue warning to his Pariſhioners publiſhly in the Church
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at Morning prayer, the Sunday before every such
first Day of November; for the due obseruation of
the said day. And that after Morning prayer, or
preaching vpon the said first Day of November,
they reade distinctly and plaineely this present Act.

God saue the King.



